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January 20, 2004

Paul Morabito, Chairman  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, #1100  
Oakland, CA 94612  
Attn: Mary Small

Dear Chairman Morabito:

I would like to express my strong support for the Coastal Conservancy's proposed grant of \$160,000 Supplement Environmental Project funds toward the acquisition of the 242-acre Stanly Ranch Wetlands in Napa County. The Stanly Ranch Wetlands will become a part of the Napa-Sonoma Wildlife Area and will be managed by State Fish and Game. The Stanly Ranch Wetlands are ranked as a Tier 1 project by the San Francisco Bay Joint Venture.

As you will recall, the Coastal Conservancy has a long and fruitful relationship with Napa County through the creation and development of its Napa River Flood Protection Plan. As a part of this plan, over 500 acres of land were acquired by the Flood Control District and are now being restored to tidal wetland. Ownership of these lands will be transferred to State Fish and Game.

The Stanly Ranch wetlands serve as a critical ownership and habitat linkage between the Flood Protection lands to the North and the Napa-Sonoma Wildlife Area to the South, providing critical habitat for such rare species as the saltmarsh harvest mouse. Since the property would not help to alleviate flooding in downtown Napa, the Stanly Ranch wetlands were not acquired as part of the Flood Protection Project.

In addition to the tremendous habitat and public access that will be protected through the Stanly Ranch wetlands, this project represents the collaboration of numerous partners – including The Land Trust of Napa County, Friends of the River, the City of Napa, and Fish and Game. Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Wesley Chesbro".

WESLEY CHESBRO  
State Senator, 2<sup>nd</sup> District

cc: John Hoffnagle, The Land Trust of Napa County

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In addition to the tremendous habitat and public access that will be protected through the Stanly Ranch wetlands, this project represents the collaboration of numerous partners - including The Land Trust of Napa County, Friends of the River, the City of Napa, and Fish and Game. I strongly encourage the Coastal Conservancy to join in on this important effort by dedicating funding to help purchase and permanently preserve this important area.

Sincerely,

PATRICIA WIGGINS  
Assembly Member, 7<sup>th</sup> District

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Dear Chairman Morabito:

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The Land Trust is thrilled to have played a small, but important role in protecting these wetlands for future generations. We encourage the Coastal Conservancy to obligate funds for purchase of this site.

Best regards,  
THE LAND TRUST OF NAPA COUNTY

  
John R. Hoffnagle  
Executive Director

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Dear Chairman Morabito:

The Friends of the Napa River would like to heartily endorse the Coastal Conservancy's proposed grant of \$160,000 from Supplement Environmental Project funds toward the acquisition of the 242-acre Stanly Ranch Wetlands. We understand that the Stanly Ranch Wetlands will become a new part of the Napa-Sonoma Wildlife Area and will be managed by State Fish and Game. Public access to the Napa River will be assured through a mutual agreement with the City of Napa.

Friends of the Napa River has worked long and hard to see that the health and vitality of the River is protected. We worked along with the Coastal Conservancy to see that the Napa River Flood Protection plan was implemented and local tax funds were raised. We have also worked with the Stanly Ranch owners to make certain they understood the importance of their project to the people of Napa County.

The Stanly Ranch wetlands will serve as a vital wildlife habitat corridor between the Flood Protection lands to the north and the Napa-Sonoma Wildlife Area to the south. Rare species such as the saltmarsh harvest mouse live on the site.

Friends of the Napa River treasures the opportunity that it has to endorse protecting these important wetlands for future generations. We encourage the Coastal Conservancy to obligate funds for purchase of this site.

Best regards,

Bernhard Krevet, President

cc: Landtrust of Napa County, John Hoffnagle

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